Subject Delivery of off schedule/non routine childhood Immunisation

(over 6 years of age up to 18th birthday)

Purpose Routine childhood immunisations (including flu delivery) have

been successfully transferred from GP delivery model to community clinics (& schools) across NHSGG&C in line with VTP and Service Review of pre-school immunisation delivery. Some 'off schedule requests' (over 6 years old) remain the responsibility

of the GP at this time however this proposal will see the

completion of the transfer of the responsibility of these childhood

immunisations

Recommendation To agree in principle to a small test of change over a 3 month

period to measure the impact on the existing Childhood

Immunisation teams to deliver these 'off schedule' vaccinations at

community clinics.

## 1.0 Situation

1.1 GP practices currently retain the responsibility of delivering childhood vaccines to children aged over 6 who require them. For eg children immunocompromised who require to be reimmunised with routine programme, special requests for immunisations from hospital attendance, school mop ups or incomplete schedules identified for transfers in. This list is not exhaustive. GP's and Child Health Screening are unable to accurately quantify these requests across the board over a calendar year. Currently some requests have filtered through to Childhood Imms Teams as practices do not have the staff trained or the vaccines available. This could lead to potential delays to the children receiving protection against Vaccine Preventable Diseases.

## 2.0 Background

- 2.1 Glasgow City HSCP North West Sector hosts the Pre School Immunisation Team and manages the delivery of childhood immunisations on behalf of the other HSCPs/Sectors.
- 2.2 Each pre-school immunisation team covers two HSCPs, as shown below:

Team 1: East Dunbartonshire and Glasgow City – North East Sector

Team 2: West Dunbartonshire and Glasgow City – North West Sector

Team 3: East Renfrewshire and Glasgow City – South Sector

Team 4: Inverclyde and Renfrewshire

## 3.0 Assessment

Flexible appointment system allows for the delivery of these 'off schedule' requests within the childhood immunisation clinics. Use of cancellation slots or some end of day flex appointments.

These requests often take a degree of planning and investigation and this will be completed by standby staff within the childhood immunisation team when available.

PGD's or PSD's (or Clinical letter available) are required to ensure the governance process is robust in line with Standard Operating Procedure.

Agreement to be reached in terms of communication/recording pathways for children over 6 eg recorded on SIR's as unscheduled appt , ? emis record and how to communicate to and from GP/clinician/school health. Was not brought/DNA policy/Child Protection procedures to be considered for older age group in line with SOP.

## 4.0 Recommendation

Communication with GP's to inform of small test for change and to ensure they have team contact details to refer any childhood immunisation requests to.

To undertake small test of change for 3 months (August-October 2021) to quantify the number of requests across the board and then to measure the need or not for additional resource to be able to sustain and complete the roll out of VTP. Feedback to Childhood Immunisation Group results and agree on next steps.

The reader is asked to:

- Note the contents of the paper
- Agree in principle to the small test of change to quantify and assess any procedural concerns